

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend ~~claim~~ 8 as follows:

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8. (Amended) A graft attachment assembly comprising:

a body including a base portion having a top surface and a branch portion having a passageway therethrough projecting outwardly from the top surface of the base portion; and

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a clamp member having a bottom surface and an opening configured to receive the branch portion, the clamp member being movable about the branch portion, the bottom surface of the clamp member being positioned adjacent to the top surface of the [clamp member] base portion to clamp tissue therebetween;

wherein the clamp member includes at least one retaining member positioned about the opening and the branch portion includes at least one tooth which is aligned with the at least one retaining member in a clamped position, the retaining member being movable into engagement with the at least one tooth to retain the clamp member in the clamped position, and

wherein the at least one tooth includes a plurality of teeth, the retaining member being selectively movable into engagement with any one of the teeth to accommodate tissues of different thickness.